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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production down 21 percent from 2016

Tennessee farmers harvested 19.3 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2017 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 21 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 70.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from 2016. Farmers seeded 370,000 acres last fall, down 30,000 acres from 2016. Area harvested for grain totaled 275,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 95,000 acres and were used as cover crop, cut as hay, chopped for silage or abandoned.

Production of **all wheat** for the **U.S.** totaled 1.74 billion bushels, up slightly from the August 1 forecast and down 25 percent from 2016. Grain area harvested totaled 37.6 million acres, down 14 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushels from August 1 forecast and down 6.4 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2016 by type are winter wheat, 1.27 billion bushels, down 24 percent; other spring wheat, 416 million bushels, down 22 percent, and durum wheat, 54.9 million bushels, down 47 percent.